

SIGNATURE HUNTERS

Give every one a pencil and a sheet of paper on which, down the left side, is lettered a word or words associated with the group or meeting—the name of the organization, the nearest holiday, etc.

On signal, he is to get signatures from those whose names begin with any of the letters. The first player to obtain a signature by every letter is the winner.

SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT

Ask everyone to join in this group stunt and see how Santa goes on his annual trip around the world. Tell them to follow you and repeat what you say or do.

Mrs. Claus waves to her husband from the window (*wave*). Santa walks across the hard-packed snow (say, "crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch") to the barn where his sleigh is waiting with the reindeer (*slap hands rapidly on knees*) all hitched up and raring to go. He walks (*stamp feet on floor*) across the barn floor and enters his sleigh. He calls, "Ho and away," and they're off with a swish (*rub hands together in one upward swishing motion*). It begins to snow (*rub palms together with circular motion*). Soon millions of sparkling snowflakes fill the air. He calls to his dashing reindeer (*slap hands on knees*) and says, "Down, my fine fellows, we make a stop here." They descend to a snow-covered roof. Santa gets out and walks to the chimney (*beat fists against chest*). He's down the chimney with one big swish (*make downward swish with the hands*). He fills the stockings (*fill stockings*) and swish (*use upward motion*), he's up on the roof. Then, away he goes with his reindeer (*slap hands on knees*). Sounds from the earth reach him as he glides across the sky. (*Half of the group says, "Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas" and the other half of the group answers in deep voices, "To you, to you, to you."*)

SCHOOL DAYS

As each person arrives, give him a numbered card (in sequence). When all are present, explain that they are back in school and you need two numbers whose sum is . . . (a figure smaller than twice the total number of people).

Every one with a number smaller than the one requested is to find the person whose number with his equals the desired total. He doesn't talk, but shows his card to every one and seeks the person with the number he wants. The two then present themselves to you.

Example: You say, "I want two numbers whose sum is sixteen." (Cards 15 and 1, 14 and 2, 13 and 3, etc.) But you accept only the first correct pair. Cross their numbers from your list and call for a new figure.

THE MAGIC PENCIL

Explain that you have a magic pencil that writes any color. Ask what color they would like it to write. When the victim names his color, write the name of that color: green, red, etc.

MY SON WENT TO PARIS

Ask five or six people to line up in front. Tell them to say and do, in turn, the things you say and do:

My son went to Paris to buy a feather fan. (*Fan yourself.*)

My son went to Paris to buy a pair of scissors. (*Make cutting motion with your fingers and keep fanning.*)

My son went to Paris to buy a hobbyhorse. (*Bob up and down as you continue the other motions.*)

My son went to Paris to buy a cuckoo clock. (*Repeat "cuckoo" while performing the other motions.*)